

# South Dakota

## PRICES RECEIVED

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### ***CROP PRICES MIXED FROM LAST MONTH***

**SIOUX FALLS, April 30, 2004** – Preliminary April prices for crops were up from last month, with the exception of spring wheat and hay, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary April livestock prices were mixed.

The soybean price, at \$9.56, was up 43 cents from last month and up \$3.90 from last year. The April corn price, at \$2.92, was up 23 cents from March and up 70 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$12.70, was up 30 cents from March and up 50 cents from a year ago. Preliminary all wheat price for April, at \$3.82, was up 5 cents from last month and up 40 cents from a year ago. The winter wheat price, at \$3.76, was up 16 cents from last month and up 39 cents from last April. The spring wheat price, at \$3.86, was down 5 cents from last month but up 41 cents from last year.

The preliminary all beef cattle price, at \$85.10, was down 70 cents from March but up \$12.40 from April 2003. Steers and heifers, at \$90.00, were up 10 cents from March and up \$12.50 from last year. Calves, at \$116.00, were down \$2.00 from last month but \$16.00 above last April.

The preliminary all hog price, at \$46.10, was down \$1.90 from March but up \$10.60 from April 2003. Barrows and gilts, at \$47.00, were down \$2.20 from last month but up \$10.20 from a year ago. Sows, at \$38.00, were up \$1.10 from a month ago and up \$14.20 from last April.

Preliminary April all hay prices, at \$60.00, was down \$1.00 from March and down \$23.00 from last April. The alfalfa price, at \$63.00, was down \$1.00 from last month and down \$21.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$45.00, was down \$3.00 from March and down \$14.00 from April 2003.

#### **PRICES RECEIVED BY SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS**

COMMODITY	UNIT	April 2003 1/	March 2004 1/	April 2004 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
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Corn	Bu.	2.22	2.69	2.92
Soybeans	Bu.	5.66	9.13	9.56
Sunflowers	Cwt.	12.20	12.40	12.70
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.42	3.77	3.82
Winter	Bu.	3.37	3.60	3.76
Other Spring	Bu.	3.45	3.91	3.86
Barley, All	Bu.	3.22	2.27	2.46
Feed	Bu.	5/	5/	NA
Malt	Bu.	5/	2.28	2.46
Oats	Bu.	2.00	1.52	1.54
Flaxseed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Hay, All	Ton	83.00	61.00	60.00
Alfalfa	Ton	84.00	64.00	63.00
Other	Ton	59.00	48.00	45.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	72.70	85.80	85.10
Cows	Cwt.	40.40	49.00	52.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	77.50	89.90	90.00
Calves 4/	Cwt.	100.00	118.00	116.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	35.50	48.00	46.10
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	36.80	49.20	47.00
Sows	Cwt.	23.80	36.90	38.00
Lambs	Cwt.	98.70	115.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	29.80	34.40	NA

1/ Full month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. NA = Not Available.

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